

Small Animals - Poultry, Rabbits, Cats, Pocket Pets

Attention all poultry, rabbit, pocket pet and cat members, the next meeting for all small animals project members will be the second Monday of the month (March 9th) at 7 p.m. at the Valley Bank basement.

Swine

Attention all swine project members. There will not be a pig pool this year. There are local producers that pigs can be purchased from (Bill Ott and Bruce Samson). You are responsible to contact a producer either locally or outside our area to purchase your pigs. Bill and Bruce may choose to have a designated time for kids to select pigs. If kids would like more names of producers outside our area they can contact Sandy at 388-6900 or Wayne Gipp at 994-1750. Pigs need to be purchased by April 11.

There will be a picking your pig, feed, and housing workshop on March 30, at the Belgrade High School at 6:30. All members need to attend. Older project members – we need your help.

If you have any questions, call Sandy at 388-6900.

Montana Suffolk Sheep Breeders Association Ewe Grant

The Montana Suffolk Sheep Breeders Association (MSSBA) was founded in 1981. The purpose of the association is to foster, promote and develop the Suffolk breed and the sheep industry in general. The MSSBA is awarding one \$200 grant to be used for the purchase of a Suffolk ewe lamb or yearling ewe. This grant is for male or female youth between the ages of 9 and 16 and a resident of the State of Montana. For more information contact the Extension Office.

International Programs

Are you interested in hosting an international delegate? Stephanie Davison needs to know by March 15!

Applications are available online or by contacting Stephanie Davison at sdavison@montana.edu or 994-3502. Following are the dates for the summer, IFYE and high school programs:

Summer – one month. Families should have a child within two years of age as the delegate they host.

Finland – June 14-July 12, **Costa Rica** – June 21-July 18, **Norway** – July 1-30, **Japan** – July 21-August 19 – need 25-28 host families

IFYE – 2-3 weeks. Families do not have to have children in the home. These are young adults.

Ireland – 23 year old female – arriving in Montana June 21 or 22, Scotland – 23 year old female – arriving in Montana June 21 or 22, Austria – two females – arriving in Montana July 7 or 8, Taiwan – TBD – arriving in Montana June 21 or 22

High School – full academic year. Host families do not have to have children in the home, but it is recommended. Delegates must attend a public high school.

Four FLEX delegates from former Soviet countries – arrive late August and depart the following May. Contact Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 if interested in hosting.

Beekeeping Workshop - March 7

Montana State University Broadwater County Extension and the Montana Department of Agriculture will present a beginning beekeeping workshop. New beekeepers, including youth, can learn how to get started, how to over-winter hives, and how to manage mites, among other topics. This program also features a honey tasting. The workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and takes place at the 4-H Community Building on the Broadwater County fair and rodeo grounds two miles east of Townsend on Highway 12. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 14 and under. Registration is due by March 2 and is limited to 40 people. Send payment made out to Broadwater County Extension along with your name, address and phone number to: Beekeeping Workshop, c/o Broadwater County Extension, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.